

Student Assistance Programs (Financial Aid)		Agency/Program #: 5102-02-I1
		Division:
		Program: Student Assistance
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Program or Project Description:

Complete a comprehensive report analyzing the federal and state components of student financial aid that should include findings/recommendations for how to best achieve the goal of affordability.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	1,530,000	1,506,793	2,510,000	305,000
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$1,530,000	\$1,506,793	\$2,510,000	\$305,000

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

Goal(s):

Increase the overall educational attainment of Montanans through increased participation, retention, and completion rates in the Montana University System (MUS) by: Making higher education more affordable by offering more need-based financial aid grants, and scholarships. Promoting postsecondary education affordability.

Performance Measures :

A report analyzing federal and state components of financial aid (e.g. Baker, MHEG, Pell, LEAP, SLEAP, Gov's Scholarships, MPACT, tuition waivers, MUS Honors, work study, Perkins, etc.) to include findings/recommendations for how to best achieve affordability goal.

Increase the percentage of need-based students receiving financial aid awards.

Increase the average total need-based aid award amount.

Proposed new measures (under consideration by the interim PEPB subcommittee): Build a student financial aid central data warehouse. Increase state funded need based aid per FTE student.

Reduce the amount of unmet student need for financial aid.

		Completion Dates	
2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Target	Actual
1	Additional measures of need-based aid developed (see PEPB, Shared Policy Goals)	Dec 2007	Dec-07
2	Financial aid data warehouse developed	March 2008	March 2008
3	Comprehensive report on financial aid produced	June 2008	June 2008
4	Measures of unmet need calculated	June 2008	June 2008
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Performance Report:

All milestones related to this performance measure were met. Financial aid portion of data warehouse developed. Comprehensive report produced and delivered to PEPB (see link to report on DATA tab). New measure of unmet need developed (see measure on DATA tab).

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were included for the Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program only. Excluded from data reporting are state funds for the Montana Tuition Assistance Program (Baker Grants), the Montana Higher Education Grant Program, the SEOG and Perkins state match funds, Educator Loan Assistance Program, and state work study funds, which collectively totaled an additional \$4.36 million in FY 2008.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: A detailed analysis of the student financial assistance program (from state and non-state sources) is accessible from the DATA page of this performance report. This report includes short term options to increase need based and non-need based aid and long term options to address the performance objective of making higher education more affordable by offering more need-based financial aid grants.

The LFC workgroup may want to discuss the projected funding requirements of student financial aid going forward and the proportion of that funding which will be state general fund (either as part of base funding or new initiatives).

[NOTE: At its October 2008 meeting, the Legislative Finance Committee will review a bill draft requested at its June 2008 meeting for an interim study during the 2011 biennium interim of the student financial assistance program. The bill draft requests an examination of the student loan system, the student assistance financial aid programs in Montana, and the policy options related to state funding of need-based financial aid versus merit-based financial aid for Montana resident students. If this study is undertaken next interim by the LFC, it may want to examine the long term options presented in the analysis attached to this performance report.]

OPTIONS:

Request Additional Information



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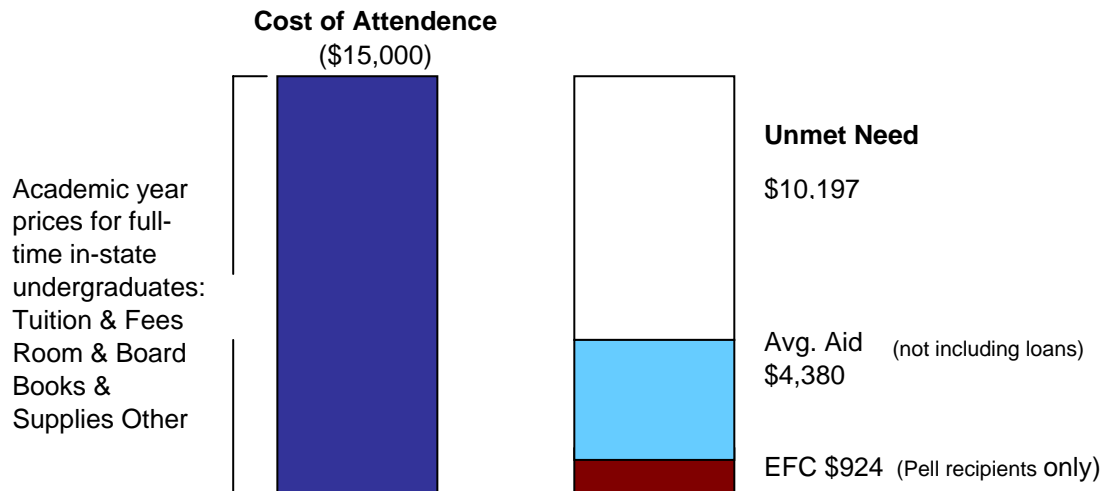
Change Description
Added LFD narrative

Unmet Need of Students Receiving Pell Grants

MSU & UM Figures (avg), 2006-07

(note: Pell serves as low-income, need-based indicator)

Cost of attendance – (expected family contribution (EFC) + average aid award to eligible students)



source: MUS Data Warehouse

Link to Comprehensive Report on Financial Aid:

[http://mus.edu/publications/MUS Financial Aid Report - June 2008 \(v3\).ppt](http://mus.edu/publications/MUS_Financial_Aid_Report_-_June_2008_(v3).ppt)